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Sir:

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One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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counterpart application citing such documents (Japanese Office Action dated March 16, 2010 issued in related Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-150075), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Applicants also submit herewith a machine English-language translation for JP 2003-238665.

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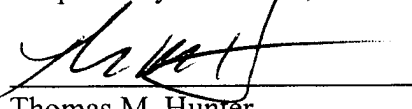
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